



FW: West Eugene Stakeholder Groups

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That is a robust list. Thanks.

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As promised, here are some initial thoughts on a list of stakeholders in the west Eugene area for possible invitation to participate if EPA

From local governments, the obvious stakeholders would be:

the City of Eugene (Mayor Kitty Piercy, or City Councilor [from that ward] Andrea Ortiz, or City Manager John Ruiz): and

Lane County (Board of County Commissioners Chair Peter Sorenson, or Commissioners [from that area] Rob Handy and Bill Fleenor).

From the neighborhood associations, seven of the 19 associations may be especially interested:

Active Bethel Citizens;

Far West Neighborhood Association;

River Road Community Organization;

Santa Clara Community Organization;

Trainsong Neighbors;

West Eugene Community Organization; and

Whiteaker Community Council.

The Neighborhood Program Coordinator is Cindy Clarke (541-682-5272) and the neighborhood descriptions and contacts are listed at:

<http://www.eugene-or.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=800&PageID=4148&cached=true&mode=2&userID=2>

. The neighborhood organizations are important for dual reasons: not only do they involve some of the Eugene populations most affected by air quality, but the EPA national-scale air toxics assessments (NATA) identify population-based area sources as the second largest category (second only to mobile sources) contributing to local air toxics risk in Lane County and other parts of Oregon.

From the business sector, these organizations come to mind:

Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce;

Lane Metro Partnership, or other job development organization;

Major source industry (i.e., Title V permittee);

Minor source industry (i.e., ACDP permittee).

(The 13-member LRAPA Citizens' Advisory Committee currently has representatives from the latter two categories.)

From the transportation sector, the overall best representative is probably the metropolitan planning organization for the region (Lane Council of Governments) but it could also include the Eugene and Lane County transportation departments. LCOG is the local lead agency for the carbon monoxide air pollution control strategy and maintenance plan, and LCOG staff do periodic mobile source emission modeling to meet the EPA and ODEQ conformity requirements. The EPA national-scale air toxics assessments (NATA) identify mobile sources as the major air toxics risk driver category.

From the air quality and environmental equity sector, these organizations have been involved in recent environmental justice discussions:

- Oregon Toxics Alliance;
- Centro Latino Americano;
- Lane Regional Air Protection Agency;
- Other community leaders or local government leaders probably already included above;
- The Nature Conservancy (which has a west Eugene office, and has been part of a local coalition to coordinate limited wetlands burning to control non-native vegetation);
- Sierra Club;
- Oregon Department of Environmental Quality; and
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

From the energy sector, the logical representatives would be the Eugene Water & Electric Board (EWEB) or the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE). EWEB addressed a multitude of issues in public meetings during February-May 2009 before approving a power contract with Seneca in May 2009 (see <http://www.eweb.org/biomass>). EWEB and ODOE staff were both involved in the information-gathering meeting hosted by Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy on May 15, 2009.

From other sectors, one group that recently provided a guest opinion on the proposed Seneca Sustainable Energy project was the Industrial Corridor Community Organization, which addresses the area immediately north of the SSE location and just north of the Eugene neighborhood associations.

I hope this input is helpful. Please call/e-mail me or Sally Markos if you have any questions.

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